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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: The Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County reports the nomination of Judge Baltodano to the Second District Court of Appeal by Governor Newsom.

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The Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County proudly reports that Judge Hernaldo J. Baltodano has been nominated by Governor Newsom to serve as an Associate Justice of the Second District Court of Appeal, Division Six.

Judge Baltodano has served on the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court since 2017, in criminal and civil assignments. As the Supervising Criminal Judge, from December 2020 to September 2021, Judge Baltodano led the effort to create a mental health diversion treatment court, and also to implement a misdemeanor diversion program.

Judge Baltodano was a Founding Partner and Senior Litigation Partner at Baltodano & Baltodano LLP from 2011 to 2017. He worked as Senior Associate at Sanchez & Amador LLP from 2010 to 2011, Senior Associate at Anderson McPharlin & Conners LLP in 2010, and as Senior Associate at Robins Kaplan LLP from 2006 to 2009. He worked as an Associate at SR Holguin PC from 2005 to 2006, Employee Law Group from 2004 to 2005, and Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai LLP from 2003 to 2004. Judge Baltodano earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Judge Baltodano will be filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Martin J. Tangeman, also previously serving in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County. This position requires confirmation by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, which consists of Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Attorney General Rob Bonta and senior Presiding Justice of the Second District Court of Appeal Arthur Gilbert.

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